

August 3, 2016

Streetscape Improvements on College Street from Shaw Street to Havelock Street

Contract #:16ECS-TI-11SP
Expected Start Date: June 27, 2016
Expected End Date: November 30, 2016
**Timelines are subject to change.*

The City of Toronto is improving the streetscape of College Street West between Shaw Street and Havelock Street. This work is required to improve the quality of the sidewalk and street environment. The improvements include new parkettes, bike rings, tree plantings and light fixtures. Work is expected to begin in June 2016. This work is part of the Council-approved 2016 Capital Works Program to renew aging city roads and sidewalk for current and future needs.

WORK DETAILS

In the first few days of construction the contractor will bring equipment to the site and begin staging for the work zone. Crews will:

Phase 1: North side of College Street (Havelock to Shaw): Expected end date: Late August

- Remove the old sidewalk, install electrical conduit, pour concrete and install new pavers
- Remove old tree protectors
- Install new tree protection
- Restore areas affected by construction with the installation of new fixtures listed above.



Phase 2: South side of College Street (Havelock to Shaw): Late August to mid-October






- Remove the old sidewalk, install electrical conduit, pour concrete and install new pavers
- Remove old tree protectors
- Install new tree protection
- Restore areas affected by construction

Phase 3: Parkette installation – Mid-October to November 30.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- You will experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce impacts. Your patience is appreciated.

	<p>Work Hours: The contractor can work from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and will do so as required. The Contractor may also work on weekends as necessary.</p>
	<p>Traffic Management: Efforts have been made to manage traffic in the area for the safety of workers, road users and residents. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times. Road users should expect delays and increased traffic on nearby main and side streets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic on College Street will be reduced to two lanes, one in each direction through this work zone. • Due to construction work on the sidewalk and the curb lane being used for machinery. A special walking lane will be made available for pedestrians with access to businesses. • Work will start on the north lane of College Street starting at Havelock and working east towards Shaw Street. When work is complete on the North side it will move to the South side of College Street an update will be provided before the work zone is shifted.

	<p>Temporary walkway / Ramps: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, a special walking lane will be made available for pedestrians with access to businesses. Ramps will have to move as the contractor progresses with work. Efforts will be made to have fewer businesses sharing access ports, if your property has special circumstances, contact the City inspector.</p> <p>Access: The contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to your business access. If your property has two entrances, one entrance will be kept open at all times.</p> <p>Laneways: Laneways and driveways that serve businesses in the area will remain accessible for deliveries or service.</p>
	<p>Parking: Parking on College Street between Havelock and Shaw is not permitted due to space requirements need for traffic lanes and construction work.</p>
	<p>Garbage & Recycling: The City has a separate Garbage & Recycling notice, please follow the instructions in that document.</p>
	<p>Deliveries: Businesses may want to consider adjusting delivery times as a result of the lane and parking restrictions on College Street during the duration of this project.</p>
	<p>Helpful Tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City understands that this construction is affecting your business, if you have day-to-day concerns about the construction, ask to speak with the City Inspector, Danny Bajit, 416-436-8398 he will log your concern and will follow up with the appropriate person for action. • Some concerns take a while to address, if you have spoken with staff they are looking into it. • Please follow the garbage pick-up process. If your waste isn't picked up, or your bin is not returned, follow up with Danny or call 311 for pick up. • The contractor wants to pour concrete as quickly as possible, if you have benches, signage and other items in the work area it may impede progress, when concrete is poured in certain areas, access to businesses improves. • On heat advisory days, construction companies have protocols in place to ensure the health & safety of workers is maintained, on extreme heat days, this may include opting to end work early. The contractor should wrap up work on these days the same as any other, if you have concerns about site cleanliness or worker whereabouts, contact the City inspector. • Work crews vary in size depending on the task, given sidewalk widths and the nature of this work, crews are working in groups of 5 to 6. • The crews working on projects are focused on their task and may not have all the facts for the entire project, if you have specific questions about what work is taking place or what is happening next in the sequence contact the Project Manager or your BIA leads.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay informed by reading the regular updates that will be provided online and in print throughout the project.
<p><i>Thank You!</i></p>	<p><i>For your continued patience during this project.</i></p>

MORE INFORMATION:

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us.

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Thank you for your patience. Building a great city takes time. Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.